

written upon the finest and thinnest vellum, which has been died a deep red purple.

—Some of the gold veins of Australia are 130 feet wide.

—One-third of the females of France over 14 years of age are farm laborers.

—It is said that chrysanthemums live longer than any other flower after being cut.

—More than 2,000 people earn a living in Paris by fortune-telling, and their total yearly earnings are estimated at \$2,000,000.

—At the funeral of an unmarried woman in Brazil scarlet is the mourning hue. The coffin, the hearse, the trappings of the horses and the livery of the driver must be scarlet.

—On September 23, Queen Victoria was congratulated on having occupied the throne longer than any other British sovereign. The occasion will not be celebrated officially until 1897, when her Majesty will have completed the sixtieth year of her reign.

—There are nearly 90,000 barmaids in England. More than 1000 in London are daughters of gentlemen; 400 have fathers, brothers or uncles in the church; 200 are daughters of army officers; 200 daughters of physicians and surgeons; 100 daughters of navy officers.

—Alcohol applied to a thrifty farmer's stomach will remove the boards from his fences, let the cattle into his crops, kill his fruit trees, sow his fields with thistles, mortgage his farm, subdue his reason, rouse his passions, bring want, sorrow, and disgrace on his family, and topple him into a drunkard's grave.—*Christian Soldier.*

—The people of the United States spent \$20,000,000 last year for chewing gum and \$70,000,000 for bicycles, and yet people wonder why times are so hard.

—The total population of the earth is estimated at about 1,200,000,000 souls, of whom 35,215,000 die annually—an average of 98,848 a day, 4020 an hour and 67 a minute.

—At Boston, Mass., Mills No. 1, 2 and 4 of the Boston Manufacturing Company which have been shut down for a month, were reopened on Sept. 28. These mills employ 3,000 men.

Literary Notes.

Few magazines of the month contain so uniformly well-written and entertaining articles as does the September *Chautauquan*. Its editor is to be congratulated upon his choice of topics and contributors. Emily Huntington Miller contributes a beautifully simple and touching little tale called "The story of Leone," told in the charming pith of a French "Madonna of the Tubs." A masterly paper on "The New Congressional Library" appears under the authorship of E. A. Hempstead. A comprehensive idea of the general plan and notable art features is given by the many beautiful illustrations. "The City by the Golden Gate" is the happy title of the first article in this issue. The author, George Hamlin Fitch, understandingly describes San Francisco both as to scenic features and municipal regulations, while the illustrations show representative men and women of the city.

Among its many strong, attractive features, the October *Ladies' Home Journal* presents the opening chapters of Ian Maclaren's new story, and one, the best that he has written, "The Minister of St.

Bede's; Ignace Paderewski's long-promised composition for the piano, a minuet—"Menuet Moderne;" and Albert Lynch's "American Girl"—a distinctive characterization of young American womanhood, by the famous French artist—which is shown on the cover. Of exceptional interest also is Hamlin Garland's article on the cliff-dwellers of the southwest, who under the apt caption of "The Most Mysterious People in America," he describes and tells of their home-life, customs, religious rites, etc. In Ex-President Harrison's "This Country of Ours" paper deals with the Secretaries of the Navy and of the Interior, and pays high tribute to the officers and seamen of our Navy. Dr. Parkhurst forcibly discusses "The Young man at Play," emphasizing the value of healthful diversion. "A Boy's Bookshelf," by Thomas Wentworth Higginson, names and comments upon the best one hundred books, by American authors, for boys. The October *JOURNAL* uniquely answers every requirement of a family magazine. By the Curtis Publishing Company, Philadelphia; one dollar per year, ten cents per copy.

The publishers announce with much regret their decision to discontinue the publication of *The Pansy* magazine with the October number. This little magazine has done much good in the world, carrying messages of kindness, fraternity, love and truth into thousands of homes. As an independent issue, the *Pansy* will cease with the close of the Twenty-third Volume, in October. The *Junior Golden Rule* will be sent to all *Pansy* subscribers until the subscription paid for the same shall have been filled.

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